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Clerk Energy & Technology Commmittee CT

Dear Energy & Technology Commmittee,

After nearly two decades of implementing legislative and regulatory policies meant to protect ratepayers, it is time to tell third-party electric suppliers that this is their last chance. Their often abusive, and at times illegal, marketing tactics will no longer be tolerated.

Competition is supposed to benefit the consumer, not just the seller. In the area of utilities, strong regulation is the only way to make competition viable.

It is clear to me that without the strong consumer protection language currently in HB 6526, the market will not work. Please look out for ratepayers and ensure that I will not be automatically renewed into a contract that costs me more than the standard service. It is also critical that if I am lured into a bad deal I do not have to pay a cancellation fee to get out of it.

Sincerely,

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